



ISO Standards at SIX

The roles from SIX at ISO, SASFS, ANNA (ASB & DSB)

SIX plays a pivotal role in the development and implementation of ISO Financial Standards, ensuring the smooth functioning and standardization of financial markets.

International Organization for Standardization (ISO)

ISO, the International Organization for Standardization, is an independent, non-governmental international organization with a membership of 173 [national standards bodies](#).

ISO, through its members, brings global experts together to share knowledge and develop voluntary, consensus-based, market relevant International Standards that support innovation and provide solutions to global challenges. In other words, they agree on the best way of doing things – from making a product, defining a process, delivering a service, to communicating effectively.

ISO History of Standards Organizations

As one of the oldest non-governmental international organizations, ISO has enabled trade and cooperation between people and companies around the world. Although officially founded in 1947, ISO's origins trace back to earlier standardization efforts, including the International Federation of the National Standardizing Associations (ISA) established in 1926. The International Standards published by ISO serve to make lives easier, safer and better.

ISO Committees Related to Financial Standards

ISO comprises numerous of committees. In the area of financial standards, the most relevant is TC68/SC8 - the Technical Committee (TC) for Financial Services and its Subcommittee (SC) on Reference Data. TC68/SC8 currently includes 28 participating members, 9 observing members and 19 organizations in liaison.

The TC68/SC8 Leadership Team - Chairperson and Committee Manager - are held by employees of the financial information business unit of SIX.

Main activities of TC68/SC8:

- Keep standards up to date through regular reviews and updates as needed.
- Anticipate and identify market needs and launch new projects in response.
- Develop new standards to support innovation and interoperability.
- Facilitate collaboration among relevant stakeholders in the financial services ecosystem.
- Interact with other committees, inside and outside of ISO to ensure alignment and consistency.

Industry Role of Standards in the Reference Data Area

Reference data is governed by widely accepted industry standards. Without standardization of reference data, the securities industry could not meet the demands of global client service and operational efficiency. In the financial Industry, reference data is the foundation for identifying customers, securities and transactions across the global financial system. A common set of reference data is essential for trading, clearing and settlement of securities transactions.

The Involvement of SIX in ISO

Role	ISO Standard	Description	Used in SIX
Country	3166	Country codes	✓
Party	LEI 17442	Legal Entity Identifier	✓
Party	ELF 20275	Entity Legal Form	✓
Party	BIC 9362	Business Identifier Codes	✓
Party relationship	5009	Official organizational roles	✗
Asset	ISIN 6166	International securities identification number	✓
Asset	CFI 10962	Classification of financial instruments code	✓
Asset	FISN 18774	Financial instrument short name	✓
Asset	DTI 24165	Digital token identifier	✓
Asset	3166	Currency code	✓
Financial Product	UPI 4914	Unique product identifier	✗
Market	MIC 10383	Market identifier code	✓
Transaction	UTI 23875	Unique Transaction Identifier	✗
Corporate Actions	15022/20022	Universal financial industry message scheme	✓
Corporate Actions	EDIFACT 9735	Electronic data interchange for administration, commerce and transport	✓

ISO Data Standards play an essential role at SIX, underpinning the financial products and services we deliver to clients, regulators, stock exchanges and tax authorities. Furthermore, SIX:

- is a key member of different ISO Working Groups and has been crucial in driving the development of ISO Financial Standards (ISIN, CFI, FISN, DTI, UPI etc.).
- Chairs the TC68/SC8 committee.
- Has been appointed by ISO as the Maintenance Agencies for the CFI standard (ISO 10962) and the Currency Code standard (ISO 4217).

CFI Code Look Up Service from SIX

SIX, in its role of the Maintenance Agency for ISO 10962, has introduced a CFI Look Up Tool. This tool allows clients and market participants to identify and verify CFI codes, and download results in various formats. The Tool can be found [here](#).

Swiss Association for SWIFT & Financial Standards (SASFS)

SASFS brings together financial service providers from all over Switzerland and Liechtenstein with the aim of advancing standardization in the financial sector and representing Switzerland's interest in national and international committees. SASFS consists of 8 expert commissions (Corporate events, financial information, Funds, etc.)

and two transversal committees (Information Security and Standards technology & methodology). Through its well-connected experts, SASFS cultivates regular and intensive dialogues and actively influences developments in the financial industry.

The Involvement of SIX in SASFS

SIX is an active member of various SASFS Working Groups and Committees helping shape and define Switzerland's contributions to global ISO Financial Standards.

ANNA

ANNA is the global member Association of National Numbering Agencies (NNAs). It promotes standardization in the financial industry by upholding ISO principles. ANNA serves as the Registration Authority for the ISO Standards ISIN (ISO 6166) and FISN (ISO 18774).

ANNA Service Bureau (ASB)

The ASB maintains the central database of ISIN, FISN, CFI, LEI etc. data providing the golden source records to the financial markets.

The Involvement of SIX in ANNA

SIX, together with CUSIP Global Services (CGS), operates the ASB on behalf of ANNA. The ASB is the central data hub collecting and enriching global securities data. National Numbering Agencies feed new ISINs, CFIs and FISNs and other instrument attributes to the ASB on a daily basis. SIX acts as the National Numbering Agency for Switzerland, Liechtenstein and Belgium, assigning ISIN, CFI and FISN codes to financial instruments, and allocates ISIN and CFI codes as the substitute agency for several countries (excl. OTC Derivatives). SIX also owns and manages XD ISINs.

Derivatives Service Bureau (DSB)

The DSB is the first numbering agency designed to operate globally specifically addressing the needs of the derivatives markets. For OTC derivatives, the DSB is the global provider of ISINs, CFIs, FISNs and, from October 2023, UPIs. In addition, the DSB has been nominated by the Financial Stability Board (FSB) as Unique Product Identifier (UPI) Service Provider, a globally mandated identifier which went live in October 2023 with the first regulatory mandate starting in the USA by Q1-2024, followed by Europe & the UK in Q2/Q3-2024.

The Involvement of SIX in DSB

SIX is a founding member and investor of the DSB and holds a seat as a board member.

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